Market price of drugs

1615. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware that the market price of Ethambutol, Gentamycin, Metranidazole, Ampicillin and number of other drugs are much lower than the notified prices;

(b) what is the discount being offered by HAL on sales of Gentamycin; and

(c) what steps have been taken to fix the formulation prices based on purchase price of bulk drug?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) to (c) Information, to the extent available, would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Production of Tinidazole and Metronidazole

1616. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total turnover per annum of Tinidazole is more than Rupees Seven Crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that both Metronidazole and Tinidazole are being produced in the country;

(c) if so, names of the producers and what are the production of each during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) whether it is a fact that Metronidazole has been price controlled whereas Tinidazole is so far exempted; and

(e) if so, what corrective steps have been taken by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) Sales turnover of drugs is not monitored by this Ministry.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details to the extent available are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Metronidazole has been treated as a Scheduled Bulk Drug under DPCO, 1987, pursuant to the recommendations contained in the main Report of the Kelkar Committee. Neither in the main Report nor in its supplementary report, has the Kelkar Committee made similar recommendation regarding Tinidazole.

Statement

Name of drug/Company	A/C Unit	Production		
		1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1	2	3	4	5
Metronidazle	T			
IDPL		9.4	..	..
May & Baker		11.92	5.84	14.45
Unichem		82.54	89.91	123.28
Unique Chem		126.38	137.17	204.55